Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I should like to know which department is responsible to take action, if the defects are noticed. As a maiter of fact, I have investigated the matter, and I have called the attention of the Head-master, Trippunittura High School, to send those pupils affected by the disease to that dispensary for treatment.

President.—It was your duty to inspect and to point the result to the Head-master, and to the Director of Public Instruction and to request them to take necessary action.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Whatever action was necessary was taken. The Head-masters must be persuaded to take further action. The disease is due to the wearing of dirty clothes and due to other unclean habits.

Mr. C. Matthai.—I issued instructions to the Head-masters, and all that is possible is being done. The disease has its origin from the dirty habit of the people.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Were the guardians informed of the defects of the boys?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes, they were informed.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—"Dirty Clothing"—I do not know what that disease is.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—One of the primary objects of education is to make people clean and neat. One of the defects noticed among the students is the use of dirty clothing. Owing to dirty habits, the boys are easily affected by the disease.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I have placed on the table a consolidated report of the result of medical inspection in schools.

President.—That report will give you all the necessary information. All these unnecessary questions do not find a place here.

A tank at Kakkad.

150. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to the answer given to question No. 430 (legislative session) regarding a tank at Kakkad, will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the date when the tank was handed over to the Sanitary Department;

(b) the reason for so doing;

(c) the extent of the tank-shed mentioned to be part of the Palace;

(d) whether the tank was once used by Christians also?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) and (b). The Kakkad tank was handed over to the Sanitary Department in 1089 along with other tanks and wells.

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(c) The whole of the tank-shed forms part of the Palace. The exact extent has not been ascertained.

(d) No.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Sub-division (b) is not answered.

President. – I suppose there was a general order for handing over tanks and wells to the Sanitary Department.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes, Sir.

President.—There was a change of policy. All these tanks and wells were under the Diwan Peishkar. In the year 1089 they were handed over to the Sanitary Department. The Panchayat came into existence only in 1096. Is it not, Mr. Raman Menon?

Mr I. Raman Menon.—Yes, Sir, we had only very few Panchayats then.

President.—So all tanks and wells were handed over to the Sanitary Department.

The Report of the Sanitary Survey Committee.

151. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) whether the Committee appointed by the Government for a sanitary survey of the State did not mention in their reports submitted in the year 1916 that, with reference to the improvement of the sanitary condition of Kunnamkulam, "a great deal still remains to be done and as suggested in the notes appended to the Talappalli Taluk statement, we would recommend that a special scheme be drawn up for the improvement of the sanitary conditions of this place by an expert";

(b) whether, as suggested by them, an expert was asked to draw up a scheme and submit, and if this has not been done,

(c) whether the Government has any serious objection to do this, especially in view of the Government answer to question 225 that the drainage in the town is in an unsatisfactory condition, and consequently it is difficult to keep the roads also in an efficient condition, and if the answer is in the negative, what steps will be taken to improve the present unsatisfactory condition?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) The Government are not in a position to embark on costly town-planning schemes by experts. It is sufficient to improve the sanitary condition of the place, and a scheme for the better sanitation of the town was approved by the Government. No scheme of experts is considered necessary for remedying the defects.

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